## UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION **UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)**

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| Enclos      | sed are:  |
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| $\boxtimes$ | 36 pages of specification, claims, abstract.  |
| $\boxtimes$ | Declaration and Power of Attorney.  |
| $\boxtimes$ | Priority Claimed. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/509,054                         |
|             | Certified copy of   |
| $\boxtimes$ | 12 sheets of formal drawing.  |
|             | An assignment of the invention to   |
|             | and the assignment recordation fee.   |
|             | An associate power of attorney.   |
| $\boxtimes$ | A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27. |
|             | Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449 and reference.                          |
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| $\boxtimes$ | Applicant is entitled to claim Small Entity status.                                     |

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|  | NO. OF<br>CLAIMS |     | EXTRA<br>CLAIMS | RATE    | AMOUNT   |
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| Total Claims                           | 20               | -20 | 0               | \$18.00 | \$0.00   |
| Independent Claims                     | 3                | -3  | 0               | \$86.00 | \$0.00   |
| Multiple Dependent Claim(s)            |                  |     |                 |         | \$0.00   |
| Basic Fee  Total of Above Calculations |                  |     |                 |         | \$770.00 |
|  |                  |     |                 |         | \$770.00 |
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